

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for sizing a tile arranged with one or more other tiles in a sidebar on a computer display, wherein each of said one or more tiles has a predetermined maximum size limit, the system comprising:

an automatic sizing routine for, during an automatic mode, automatically sizing the tile within the sidebar responsive to a change in tile content of the tile;

a manual sizing routine which allows a user, during a manual mode, to manually set the size of the tile up to the predetermined maximum size limit within the sidebar without resizing the sidebar and without the one or more other tiles being resized as a function thereof; [[and]]

wherein the tile is operated in the automatic mode until the user manually sets the size of the tile; and

wherein, after the user manually sets the size of the tile, the manual mode is entered during which further automatic sizing of the tile responsive to a change in tile content is restricted.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (original): The system of Claim 1, wherein once the manual mode is entered, the user may make a selection to return the tile to the automatic mode.

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (previously presented): The system of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined maximum size limit for the tile may be set by the tile.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The system of Claim 1, wherein in order to automatically size the tile beyond the predetermined maximum size limit, approval must be obtained from the user.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The system of Claim 6, wherein the predetermined maximum size limit for the tile is set by the sidebar.

Claim 8 (previously presented): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable components for sizing a tile arranged with one or more other tiles in a sidebar, each of said tiles having a predetermined maximum size limit, the computer-readable medium comprising:

- an automatic sizing component for, during an automatic mode, automatically sizing the tile within the sidebar responsive to a change in tile content of the tile;

- a manual sizing component for allowing a user, during a manual mode, to manually size the tile up to the predetermined maximum size limit within the sidebar without resizing the sidebar and without the one or more other tiles being resized as a function thereof, wherein the tile is operated in the automatic mode until the manual sizing component is used, and wherein said use of the manual sizing component places the tile in the manual mode; and

- wherein when the tile is in the manual mode, the tile is restricted from being automatically resized.

Claim 9 (canceled).

Claim 10 (currently amended): The computer-readable medium of Claim [[9]] 8, wherein, during the automatic mode, in order to size the tile above the predetermined maximum size limit, approval must be obtained from the user.

Claim 11 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 10, wherein the approval is obtained from the user through a notification that is provided to the user.

Claim 12 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 8, further comprising a context menu with options that are provided for the tile.

Claim 13 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein at least one of the context menu options is for autosizing the tile.

Claim 14 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 12, wherein context menu options include one or more of move up, move down, or delete tile.

Claim 15 (previously presented): A system for resizing a tile on a display, the system comprising:

- a computer device having a processor and a memory;

- a display device communicatively coupled to the computing device for displaying a tile within a sidebar, said sidebar having a defined display size, said tile having a predetermined maximum size limit;

- a first routine for, during an automatic mode, automatically resizing the tile within the sidebar responsive to a change in tile content, wherein user approval is required to resize the tile above the predefined maximum size limit; and

- a second routine for allowing a user, during a manual mode, to manually resize the tile up to the predetermined maximum size limit within the sidebar without resizing the sidebar and without the one or more other tiles being resized as a function thereof,

- wherein the tile is operated in the automatic mode until the user manually sets the size of the tile or the user declines a request to automatically resize the tile above the predefined maximum size limit; and

- wherein, after the user manually sets the size of the tile or the user declines a request to automatically resize the tile above the predefined maximum size limit, the manual mode is entered during which further automatic sizing of the tile responsive to a change in tile content is restricted.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The system of Claim 15, wherein the tile is arranged along with a plurality of additional tiles in the sidebar.

Claims 17 and 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (original): The system of Claim 15, further comprising a context menu that is provided with options for the tile.

Claim 20 (previously presented): In a computer system, a method for sizing a tile arranged in a sidebar, said tile having a predetermined size limit, the method comprising:
initially setting the tile in an automatic mode;
automatically sizing the tile within the sidebar responsive to a change in tile content during the automatic mode;
allowing a user to manually set the size of the tile up to the predetermined maximum size limit within the sidebar without resizing the sidebar and without the one or more other tiles being resized as a function thereof;
resetting the tile from the automatic mode to a manual mode when the user manually sets the size of the tile; and
wherein while the tile is in the manual mode, preventing the tile from being automatically resized.

Claim 21 (original): The method of Claim 20, wherein a sidebar area is provided for the tile and a plurality of additional tiles, and the available space in the sidebar is a factor in the automatic sizing of the tile.

Claim 22 (original): The method of Claim 21, wherein an additional factor in the automatic sizing of the tile is the amount of space that the tile requires for displaying its content.

Claim 23 (canceled).

Claim 24 (previously presented): The method of Claim 20, wherein in order to automatically size the tile above the predetermined maximum size limit, approval must be obtained from the user.

Claim 25 (original): The method of Claim 24, wherein the approval is obtained from the user through a notification that asks the user whether or not the tile should be allowed to be automatically resized to the new size.

Claim 26 (original): The method of Claim 25, wherein once the user approves the new size, additional resizing may be performed without further approval, and if the new size is not approved, the tile is placed in a mode which restricts further automatic resizing.

Claim 27 (currently amended): In a computer system with a display, a method for sizing a tile on the display, the method comprising:

providing the tile within a sidebar on the display, said sidebar having a defined size on the display, said tile displaying first content;

automatically resizing the tile within the sidebar without resizing the sidebar based at least in part on changes in the first content;

tracking an amount of time that has elapsed since the tile has been most recently automatically resized;

automatically additionally resizing the tile within the sidebar without resizing the sidebar based at least in part on changes in the first content,

wherein the automatic additional resizing of the tile is permitted when the amount of time that has elapsed since the tile has been most recently resized is greater than a predetermined time interval, and wherein the tile is prevented from being automatically additionally resized otherwise;

wherein a user is able to manually resize the tile, wherein when the user manually resizes the tile a manual mode is entered, and wherein during the manual mode the tile may not be automatically resized; and

providing the resized tile within the sidebar having the defined size on the display, said resized tile displaying second content.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method of Claim 27, wherein a plurality of additional tiles are arranged along with the tile in the sidebar area.

Claims 29 and 30 (canceled).

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method of Claim 27, wherein a predetermined maximum size limit is specified for a tile.

Claim 32 (original): The method of Claim 31, wherein in order to automatically resize a tile over the maximum size, approval must be obtained from the user.

Claim 33 (currently amended): A computer-readable medium having computer-executable components for sizing a tile, the computer-readable medium comprising:

- a sidebar component for providing a sidebar having a defined size on a display;
- a tile component for providing the tile within the sidebar having the defined size, said tile displaying first content;
- an automatic resizing component for automatically resizing the tile within the sidebar without resizing the sidebar based at least in part on changes in the first content;
- a timing component for tracking an amount of time that has elapsed since the tile has been most recently resized; and

wherein the automatic resizing component is configured to permit additional automatic resizing when the amount of time that has elapsed since the tile has been most recently resized is greater than a predetermined time interval, and wherein the tile is prevented from being automatically resized otherwise, and

wherein the tile component is configured to provide the resized tile within the sidebar having the defined size, said resized tile displaying second content.

Claim 34 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 33, further comprising a context menu component for providing a context menu with options for a tile.

Claim 35 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 34, wherein the context menu options include an option for automatically resizing the tile.

Claim 36 (original): The computer-readable medium of Claim 35, wherein additional context menu options include options for one or more of moving the tile up or down or deleting the tile.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 33, wherein a predetermined maximum size limit is specified for a tile, and in order to automatically resize the tile above the predetermined maximum size limit, approval must be obtained from the user.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 33, wherein the automatic resizing of the tile is in some instances based at least in part on changes to the first content.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 33, wherein the automatic resizing component is executed responsive to an application program being opened.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The computer-readable medium of Claim 33, wherein the predetermined time interval is used to prevent the tile from being automatically resized smaller, but the tile is allowed to be automatically resized larger, regardless of whether the amount of time that has been elapsed since the tile has been resized is greater than the predetermined time interval.

Claim 41 (currently amended): A system for resizing a tile on a computer display, the system comprising:

- a computing device having a processor and a memory;
- a display device communicatively coupled to the computing device for displaying a plurality of tiles within a sidebar, said sidebar having a defined display size;
- a first routine for providing the tile within the sidebar, said tile displaying first content;
- a second routine for tracking an amount of time that has elapsed since the tile has been most recently resized and for automatically resizing the tile within the sidebar without resizing the sidebar based at least in part on changes in the first content,

wherein additional automatic resizing of the tile is permitted when the amount of time that has elapsed since the tile has been most recently resized is greater than a predetermined time interval, and wherein the tile is prevented from being automatically resized otherwise; and

a third routine for providing the resized tile within the sidebar having the defined display size, said resized tile displaying second content.

Claim 42 (original): The system of Claim 41, further comprising a manual resizing routine which allows a user to manually resize the tile, wherein when a user manually resizes a tile a manual sizing mode is entered, wherein during the manual sizing mode the tile may not be automatically resized.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The system of Claim 41, wherein a predetermined maximum size limit is specified for the tile by the sidebar, and the tile may only be automatically resized above the predetermined maximum size limit if approval is obtained from the user.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The system of Claim 43, wherein if the user does not provide approval for resizing the tile above the predetermined maximum size limit, then the tile enters a manual sizing mode.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The system of Claim 43, wherein if the user approves the new size for the tile that is above the predetermined maximum size limit, then further automatic resizing of the tile may be done without requiring further approval from the user.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The system of Claim 41, wherein a tile may specify a predetermined maximum size limit for itself which may not be overridden by a user.